MHRC Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 6, 2015

Metro Office Building

800 Second Avenue South—Davidson Room

Attendees: Frank Trew, Abdishakur Mohamed, Dan Cornfield, Peter Woolfolk, Deb Palmer George, Phyllis Hildreth, Aisha Lhball, Avi Poster, Alistair Newbern, Tasha French-Lemley, Loraine Segovia-Paz, Jeff Gibson

Others: Executive Director Melody Fowler-Green, Josh Lee from Metro Legal, Shanna Hughey from Mayor’s Office

1. Call to order at 4 pm by Chair Frank Trew
   1. Acknowledgement of Melody’s great performance at Metro budget meeting
   2. Review of minutes—Alistair’s name misspelled; Abdishakur and Loraine were not present; move to accept with changes-Alistair, 2nd Tasha; approved
   3. Budget—approximately 30% of year left and corresponding portion of budget remains; Peter—only 41% of advertising budget spent, what is plan for remainder? Mel—some will be used to advertise for positions; Frank to remove budget from consent agenda
2. Executive Director’s report
   1. Revision of Inclusivics Report
   2. Progress of Diversity Committee
   3. Title VI issues—training, budgeting/staffing to deal with complaints
   4. Review of recent Budget Hearing before Mayor
   5. HR—2 permanent positions need to be filled
   6. Compassionate Nashville Campaign—MHRC to transfer leadership
   7. Two new commissioners to be confirmed soon—Dr. Oscar Miller, Janice Rodriguez
3. Frank announced that Dan, Loraine, Judy, and Nick Patel are rolling off
4. ACE Committees
   1. Advocacy Committee had first meeting at 3:30 pm.
   2. Committees will meet every other month
   3. Commissioners encouraged to join a committee
   4. Phyllis described role of Compliance Committee
5. New Business
   1. Former hostage and negotiator Terry Waite would like to meet with Commissioners—Tuesday, April 14, at 3:00, location TBD
6. Upcoming Commission Events
   1. Diversity Brunch, April 11, 2015, 11:00 am, Islamic Center of Nashville
   2. Cultivating Compassion for the Environment, April 16, 2015, 5:30 pm, Scarrit Bennett Center’s International Room
   3. Revisiting Justice in America, April 17-19 , 2015, Vanderbilt Divinity School
7. Phyllis—motion to adjourn; Alistair—2nd; adjourned 5:55 pm